

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-8, 12-18, and 22-27 are now pending in the application.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the claim status indicators for the claims were amended from those submitted in Amendment C as filed on October 26, 2004.

The status identifiers for claims 5, 7, 8, 14-16, 22, and 24-26 were changed from "previously amended" to "previously presented."

The status identifiers for claims 2, 3, 9-11, and 19-21 were changed from "previously canceled" to "canceled."

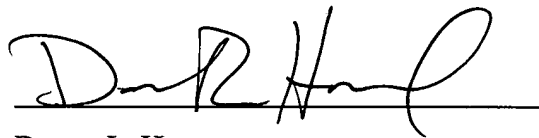
No other changes were made to the claims that were submitted in Amendment C.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider Amendment C and enter the claim amendments and additions as identified herein. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment and Amendment C is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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